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## OTTAWA TO LAUNCH U.P.A. CAMPAIGN TUESDAY

### HUNDREDS AT BANQUET TO HEAR LEIB JAFFE

The Grand Ballroom of the Chateau Laurier will be the scene, next Tuesday night, June 7th, of a great outpouring of Ottawa's Jewish population on behalf of the United Palestine Appeal. Jewish communities throughout the Dominion have exhibited unprecedented enthusiasm and response to the Palestine Campaign this year. It is therefore expected that the campaign in Ottawa, home of the heads of Canadian Zionism, will climax all former records.

Leib Jaffe of Jerusalem, world renowned Jewish poet, and Director of the Keren Hayesod, will be the guest of Ottawa Jewry, and the main speaker at the banquet. His addresses describing life in Palestine have moved and inspired tremendous Jewish gatherings in all parts of the Dominion. The Ottawa Jewish Community awaits his coming with eager anticipation. Mr. A. J. Freiman and Rabbi Margolis will also address the banquet.

Mrs. A. J. Freiman, O.B.E., is Honorary Chairman of the U.P.A. Campaign in Ottawa.

Mr. Alec Betcherman is Chairman of the Campaign. Other officers are: Vice-Chairman: Mr. Sam Lepofsky; Capt. of Captains: Dr. A. Slovic, Mr. A. Shaffer; Secretaries: Mr. Michael Greenberg, Mrs. Louis Coplan; Publicity Chairmen: Mr. Lawrence Freiman, Mr. Sam Berger K.C.

#### BANQUET COMMITTEE

Chairman: Mr. Simon J. Ritt; Assistant Chairman: Mrs. H. W. Robinson; Members: Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Freiman, Mrs. Simon J. Ritt, Miss Helen Abelson, Mrs. M. R. Freedman, Mrs. Gordon Kaplan, Mrs. M. Pearlman, Mr. Jess Abelson.

Captain of Ladies Teams: Mrs. M. R. Roodman; Chairman of Youth Organizations: Mr. Hugo Levendel.



LEIB JAFFE, JERUSALEM

### U.P.A. LEADERS, HOSTS TO CAMPAIGN WORKERS AT DINNER TONIGHT

Calling all campaigners.....calling all teams.....up with U.P.A.! Workers for the United Palestine Appeal—workers, past, present, and future are cordially invited to be the guests of a committee of U.P.A. leaders at a supper rally to be held tonight, Thursday, at 7.00 p.m. sharp in the Talmud Torah Hall.

It is a Yom Tov in Ottawa! Thoughts of Palestine, Zionist activity, efforts for freedom—these things always bring the holiday spirit into Jewish life.

Tonight Zionist workers will dine, and 'nash', and sing and resolve.....to make the 1938 U.P.A. Campaign the greatest success in our communal history.

So come, ye campaigners, ye canvassers, ye who would be servants of our people instead of slaves of our enemies

TONIGHT—7.00 SHARP—TALMUD TORAH HALL.

### A Poet Speaks to Us

You walk along a sunlit road,  
Serene, secure—who knows  
That I have laid these stones; my blood,  
My sweat, were drained for your repose?  
You walk along a sunlit road,  
You tread a path enchanted,  
You pass within the shade of trees  
That I have planted.  
The lives consumed and withered in toil,  
The hands, the hearts pierced by the thorns—  
Their very names are now forgotten—  
No one knows them, no one mourns—  
What matters my pain and my labour?  
What though my heart has bled?  
If only your burden is lightened,  
If only your pathway is spread!

Leib Jaffe

### We Answer

Land of Israel thou hast a son  
Whose living love of thee is ev'ry breath;  
Eretz Yisroel thy golden sun  
Ne'er fired a nobler soul with nobler faith;  
Israel—again on torment's rack  
Rebuilds a land that saintly heroes trod;  
Born to right our people's bending back  
Were Jaffes-singers of our sacred sod.  
Judeah — are thy hills not echoing  
Chalutzim songs of hope and cries of joy?  
Are we fearful of the bellowing  
Of bestial bigots who themselves destroy?  
Fiercely burn the fires of hate about us  
But just as fervently our builders strive  
Forward Israel — and none can rout us!  
For Palestine have we remained alive.  
Even fools like me can write a poem  
But Poet-Jews like Jaffe build our home.

A. S. Gilmore

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## EARNING OUR FREEDOM!

Whenever Shevuoth arrives on the annual Jewish cycle, with the recollection of the "Presentation of the Torah," an old question arises to prod our homiletic consciousness. The event at Mount Sinai was the most dramatic, most world-stirring in the history of mankind. The Torah of Moses and of Israel, which made the Jews a nation, became the forerunner of the most precious doctrines of philosophy and faith. Why did so momentous an episode take place at the foot of a small, insignificant, unbeautiful mountain, in the midst of the wilderness? How much more effective the whole thing might have been if the heavenly, classic drama of "Mattan Torah" had taken place in Eretz Yisroel, on the spot where Jacob dreamed his dream of angels, where the Temple was to be erected; or on one of the picturesque Palestinian mountains like Scopus, where the Hebrew University now stands.

There are many answers to this logical query, answers homiletical and historical. It seems to us, however, that the soundest explanation is that the acceptance by Israel of the Torah was a vital prerequisite for the establishment of the people upon their homeland. Before national emancipation and national integrity can be assured, national responsibility must be assumed! It was the proud and ready cry of Israel, "Naaseh V'nishma—we shall do, and we will understand"—that demonstrated their eligibility for nationhood. After bondage in Egypt and galuth in the wilderness, the final test applied to Israel was the test of national obligation. Having met this test—they turned their eyes and headed toward the Promised Land.

Two hundred and ten years of the fetters and fleshpots of Egypt. Then forty years in the wilderness. And then Palestine! Since our last expulsion from Palestine, either for want of a Moses, or for no want of freedom, we spent nineteen hundred years in many kinds of Egypt—and then came Herzl. Then forty years of Zionism which made countless Jews suddenly realize that the most free land in Galuth is, for the Jew, a wilderness. Yet many murmured against Herzl. A deluded dreamer, an impractical visionary—and worse, he was called! Then came the Balfour Declara-

tion. Britain and the world recognized Jewish national integrity. But Jews, rich Jews, powerful Jews still refused to see it. During the fifteen years after the Balfour Declaration altogether about a thousand Jews left Germany for Palestine. The rest of German Jewry scoffed. In the five years since Hitler, forty-four thousand German Jews fled to Palestine—while thousands who weep today and do penance at the grave of Herzl, would like to crawl to Eretz Yisroel on their hands and knees—and cannot!

Great Britain did not shut the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigration. Jewish indifference did! The Royal Commission is not guilty of the 'crime' of Partition. Jews who could have helped buy more land in Palestine—but who looked upon Keren Hayesod and Keren Kayemeth as objects of Jewish charity—they are to blame. When Lloyd George testified before the Royal Commission, he recalled that he was Prime Minister at the time the Mandate was established, and stated that Britain thought that in the twenty years following the Balfour Declaration, Jews would be a majority in Palestine. We should have been! We could have been! But Jews gave pittances, when they should have given fortunes for freedom. Now Jews, whose fortunes have gone the way of Nazi confiscation and Polish boycott, are living on pittances, while Palestinian Jewry fights and labors and bleeds for them!

It has become patent enough, in our painwracked state the world over, that Palestine is our only hope for emancipation. Leib Jaffe puts it poignantly correct when he says that U.P.A. may have been a voluntary tax on the part of Jewry before. Now it is a war tax! For the world is at war against us—and our friends will be lost unto us unless we show a genuine will to be free.

Canadian Jewry is rising all over to the challenge of our abnormal status—by refusing to respond to a normal psychology of giving. With regard to Palestine we cannot afford to think in terms of doing 'what we can.' Let us not be philanthropists when we should be statesmen! Let our response to the United Palestine Appeal be an answer, at last, to the life or death challenge to our people. We cannot be free as a nation without a country. We cannot hope for national emancipation if we wallow in the freeest of wildernesses. Let us become nationally responsible. Let us fulfill the "Naaseh!" Then—"Nishma"—we shall hear the final call to freedom in Eretz Yisroel.

William Margolis

## MEET LEIB JAFFE OF JERUSALEM

Leib Jaffe returns to Canada after five years. Those who remember him—and one can hardly help remembering him—will recall a fine, aesthetic face, a strong, receding brow, the intense, searching look of a great, practical dreamer.

Leib Jaffe is one of the most beloved personalities in world Zionism. A recognized poet in several languages, a veteran Zionist from the early days of Zionism in the small, intimate army of Herzl, Director of the Jerusalem Office of Keren Hayesod, and a member of the Jewish Agency, Leib Jaffe is a unique synthesis of all that is classic in Jewish culture and nationalism with all that is practical in a strife-torn, Jew-baiting world in which Palestine is the only permanent hope of Israel.

When Leib Jaffe speaks, he radiates the deathlessness of Jewish idealism through Jewish suffering and striving. He generates the constructive spirit of Eretz Yisroel which has been his home for nearly two decades. His message to the Jewish people of Canada is a message from the Jewish soul, which blossoms only in Palestine where the Jewish soul is free—to the soul of every Jew who would honestly be free. He has met and impressed crowned heads—has been an ambassador of his people in every corner of the globe. All Ottawa Jewry will extend a hearty 'Shalom' to Leib Jaffe of Palestine.

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## YOUTH MOBILIZED FOR U.P.A. CAMPAIGN

An inspiringly active body of Ottawa's Jewish youth, composed of young men and women from every youth organization in the city, has been organized under the chairmanship of Hugo Leverdel, for intense work in the current United Palestine Appeal Campaign. This is a most welcome demonstration of potential Zionist leadership and coordination in our community.

Teams are being organized and the young workers are expected to 'bring home the cholent', as the saying goes. Youth workers are also invited to be present at the supper rally tonight at seven, in the Talmud Torah Hall, as guests of U.P.A. leaders.

## Shemunth

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### Schedule

#### PARSHATH BAMIDBAR

Kindling of Lights.....8.25 p.m.  
Sabbath Eve Services.....8.30 p.m.  
Sabbath Morning Services..9.00a.m.  
Bar Mitzvah Service of Stanley  
Abelson, Adath Jeshurun Syna-  
gogue, King Edward Avenue.

Saturday, Sunday Eves....8.30 p.m.  
Sun., Mon. Mornings.....8.30 a.m.

Monday Morning,  
Yizkor Memorial Services

### SERMON TOPICS

#### RABBI WILLIAM MARGOLIS

will preach

#### SABBATH MORNING

Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, King  
Edward Avenue.

#### "JEWS COUNT AND ARE COUNTED"

#### SUNDAY MORNING

Agudath Achim Synagogue, Rideau  
Street on

#### "REUNION AT SINAI"

#### MONDAY MORNING

Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, King  
Edward Avenue.

#### "ERETZ YISROEL — THE LAND WITH A SOUL"

## TALMUD TORAH CHILDREN TO GREET LEIB JAFFE

The Jewish children of Ottawa will exchange greetings with Mr. Leib Jaffe of Jerusalem, on Wednesday, June 8th, at 5.30 p.m., in the Talmud Torah Hall. All the pupils of the Talmud Torah will be joined by members of Young Judea at this gathering, to hear Mr. Jaffe bring 'drishath shalom' from the children of Eretz Yisroel. Brief words of welcome, in the form of two minute greetings, will be spoken in Hebrew, Yiddish, and English, by representative children of the Talmud Torah and Young Judea. Palestine songs will be sung, and the spirit of Eretz Yisroel will prevail.

All the children of the community, even those who happen to be outside the ranks of the Talmud Torah and Young Judea, are cordially invited and heartily urged to attend.

## COMMUNAL NOTE-BOOK

by Mem Shin Hay.

Congratulations to Mrs. Sybil Isaacs on her election to the important post of president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of District number one of B'nai Brith, and to Miss Adeline Sigler, on her election as president of District Lodge No. 1, Junior League B'nai Brith.

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Rabbi Margolis and Leib Jaffe must be miracle workers. Campaigning in the West for the U.P.A. they raised \$3030.00 in Saskatoon and \$3500.00 in Regina. It must be remembered that both these cities are in the heart of the drought area. What will be accomplished in Ottawa next week? Will the Capital top its high of \$10,000.00? The stricken West has laid down a challenge!

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Congratulations to Miriam Caplan and Bert Katz on their success in Winnipeg. Both won honourable mention for their histrionic ability at the Dominion Drama Festival finals in the western metropolis. Rabbi and Mrs. Margolis also won honours in the West capturing the hearts of every community they visited.

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In Winnipeg Mem Shin Hay attended an Oneg Shabbat on May 21st sponsored by the Junior Hadassah Council of that city. We enjoyed ourselves immensely. Here is a worthy project for our local Junior Hadassah to follow next season.

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## MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR U.P.A. BANQUET

PHONE 6-6279 AT ONCE!

### CUT-RATES FOR YOUTH

To assure the success of the U.P.A. Banquet next Tuesday evening, Jews of the Community are urged to phone in their reservations to Campaign Headquarters as early as possible. The office of the Campaign has been established in the Talmud Torah. PHONE 6-6279. Reservations for adults are \$1.00 per person. A special arrangement has been made for young people setting the price for a Banquet ticket at 50c. Since space is limited, it is imperative that reservations be phoned in advance.

## MAZOL TOV

To Mr. & Mrs. Jess Abelson, 96 Marlborough Avenue, whose son, Stanley, will be Bar Mitzvah next Sabbath morning in the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, King Edward Avenue.

To Mr. & Mrs. M. Appel, 208 Somerset Street East, whose son, Moe, will be married to Miss Edith Kizell, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. Kizell of North Bay, formerly of Ottawa, on June 19th in North Bay.

To Mrs. R. Bess'n, 425 Rideau Street, whose daughter, Nettie, will be married on July 3rd in the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, King Edward Avenue, to Mr. Irwin Saloman, son of Mrs. David Saloman of Montreal.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Betcherman, whose son, Philip, will be Bar Mitzvah on Saturday morning, June 11th, in the Agudath Achim Synagogue, Rideau Street.

To Mr. & Mrs. Ben Bookman, 162 Bell Street, on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Ethel to Mr. Sydney Hartman, son of Mr. & Mrs. I. Hartman, 26 St. Francis Street, in the B'nai Jacob Synagogue, on June 26th.

To Mr. & Mrs. Solomon Epstein, 163 Steward Street, on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Fannie to Mr. Louis Rachlin, son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Rachlin, 258 Stewart Street, on June 12th in Carlsbad Springs.

To Mr. & Mrs. Martin K. Levinson, 317 Somerset East, on the occasion of the birth of a daughter on May 20th.

To Mr. & Mrs. M. Monson, 77 Friel Street, whose son Juair, was Bar Mitzvah on May 14th in the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, King Edward Avenue.

To Mr. & Mrs. Louis Roodman, 24 McGee Street, whose eldest daughter, Adelaide Ida will be married to Mr. Samuel Gaffen, eldest son of Mr. & Mrs. A. Israel Gaffen of Lithuania, on June 9th in the Talmud Torah Hall.

To Mr. & Mrs. Louis Roodman on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Betty to Mr. Harry Greenberg, son of Mrs. Edith Greenberg and the late Mr. Jacob Greenberg of Ottawa, on June 12th.

To Dr. & Mrs. A. Slone, 112 Goulburn Avenue, on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Joe, last Sabbath in the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, King Edward Avenue.

To Mr. & Mrs. J. Taller, 63 Bayview Street, on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Faye to Mr. Lou's Kwechansky of Montreal last Tuesday in the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, King Edward Avenue.

## FROM MR. LOEB'S REPORT

It is encouraging to note that, since my last report, substantial strides have been made, not only in the field of education, but also in other activities of the Talmud Torah. At present, the actual enrollment is 216 pupils—138 boys and 78 girls; 178 pupils plus 16 kindergarten children are taught in the central Talmud Torah, and 22 in the James St. Branch. This shows an increase of 45 pupils since the time of our last report. To my knowledge, this is the largest enrollment of pupils the Talmud Torah has ever had, with the possible exception of one short period in 1935.

Mention might also be made of the group of older boys, known as the 'Chug Ivri', organized by Mr. Lieff for the purpose of meeting once a week and discussing various topics in Hebrew.

I would also like to mention a very active organization operating under the wing of the Talmud Torah—the Alumni Club. These boys, from 16 to 20 years of age, under the leadership of Yale Greenberg, have done very fine work in the past year, both culturally, educationally and socially, and have been very helpful to the Board by contributing a substantial sum towards defraying in the cost of the Memorial Tablet.

A forward march in progress has recently been taken. As a result of our Spring campaign for new pupils, we were successful in following through the recommendation of Rabbi Margolis for the establishment of a kindergarten. We now have 16 young children attending, and, although the class is still in the experimental stage, we have hopes that it may bring gratifying and far-reaching results in time to come. The success of the kindergarten will depend to a great extent on the interest and co-operation displayed by the parents of children of kindergarten age. For the present, this class is under the supervision of Miss Riva Yassi, who is doing this extra work without additional remuneration.

This report would not be complete if I failed to mention the wonderful work performed by Rev. J. Rabin as Educational Director of the Talmud Torah. His capable assistance to the Board has been, and still is, invaluable, and we are very grateful to him for his help.

## MR. & MRS. S. MILLER EQUIP KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergarten of the Ottawa Talmud Torah has been in full swing for more than three weeks. Sixteen pupil-ettes gather every morning in their 'Gan Yeladim' under the careful supervision of Miss R. Yassi, and spend two playful hours of song and activity in the Hebrew language. In ideal weather their activities are carried on out doors. The remarkable progress the children have made in this short time more than justifies the establishment of this project.

A vote of heartfelt thanks is due Mr. and Mrs. S. Miller, whose generous gift is making the complete equipment of the Kindergarten possible. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are taking this means of honoring their recently born grandson, Laurence, David, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Freidman. There is no finer way in which to bring blessing to the name of a new born Jewish child than to associate that name for all time with a project of Jewish education. A hearty 'Y'yasher koach' to Mr. and Mrs. Miller, and Mazol tov!

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## GIRL GUIDES' SABBATH

Jewish Girl Guides of Ottawa will mark the annual 'Sabbath' of that organization by gathering in the Adath Jeshurun Synagogue, King Edward Ave., at Services this week. Rabbi Margolis will make special reference to the movement. Girl Guides are urged to be present.

In conclusion, I am happy to note the splendid co-operation and wonderful assistance given us by the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary, under the capable chairmanship of Mrs. Leon Petegorsky. During the past 10 months, they have assisted us to the extent of \$1,250, and their faithful devotion to the cause of Talmud Torah is indeed a great inspiration to the members of our Board. I should, therefore, like to express our sincere appreciation to the Auxiliary for its help.

M. LOEB, Chairman,  
Talmud Torah Board